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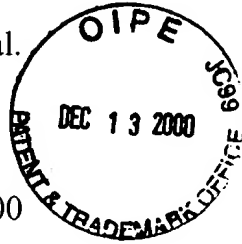
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98,  
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-232933, which was published on  
August 19, 1994, along with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 55-79541, which was published on  
June 16, 1980, along with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that  
this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and  
cite the patent documents and enclosed Abstracts. Copies of the above-noted documents are  
attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto.

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Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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